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MAN HELD ON BEATING CHARGE

A Penny for your Thoughts

Ranchero Days beards were banned this year in Torrance. Do you go along with the ban, or do you think the men of Torrance should have sprouted whiskers for the celebration as they did last year?

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

T. K. FITZPATRICK, 3321 Danaha St., operator at Shell Chemical:

"I think they should have grown them, because it adds to the spirit of the occasion and gets people in the mood before-hand. It's good advance publicity."

Mrs. Audrey Rutherford, 1218 E. 222nd St., housewife:

"I disagree with the ban. Although I don't like beards ordinarily, I think it adds to the fun of Ranchero Days by putting people in a holiday mood. It's something different."

Miss Jan Roberts, 802 Sartori, dental assistant:

"I know from past experience that it's a lot of fun for the men. It gives them a chance to let some steam off. In Washington, the men grew them for round-ups and it proved most successful."

Don Hickman, 1571 W. 208th St., used car attendant:

"I think it should be up to the individual. If a man wants to grow a beard, he should be given the opportunity to do so. However, in certain occupations a man can't wear a beard to work. Therefore, persons without whiskers shouldn't be penalized."

Karen Nystedt, 1104 Acacia, student:

"I think they should grow them. It made it more exciting to see the men walking around the streets with their new stubble. It gave Torrance a Western touch."

Ice Cream Truck Loses Its Voice

It was a little quieter on Dan Grossman's ice-cream route this week. He told police someone stole the music box from his ice-cream truck while he was stopped at a drive-in to have a sandwich. Grossman lives at 18412 Roslin Ave.



RODEO QUEEN . . . Seventeen-year-old Ann Pellam, of 2268 W. 229th St., will reign over Ranchero Days celebration and rodeo which opened here last evening. Rodeo performances will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and the Ranchero Days midway will be open through Sunday. (Herald Photo)

Annual Ranchero Days Celebration Under Way

What sponsoring organizations claim will be the gayest and largest Ranchero Days celebration here opened last evening behind the civic center and will continue through Sunday evening. Proceeds will be used to finance the city's entry in the annual Tournament of Roses.

A highlight of the celebration will be the annual parade, scheduled to start at 6 p.m. at Cabrillo and Carson and moving up Cabrillo, Sartori, and Torrance Blvd. to the civic center.

Leading the parade as Grand Marshal will be Lt. Gov. Glenn M. Anderson, it was announced by General Chairman Jack Phillips.

ELEVEN BANDS and drill teams and more than 1000 participants will be in the parade, described as shorter and snappier than the 3½-hour marathon parade held here last year.

The championship rodeo will be held in the arena west of the city's police station at 2 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Champions of the Rodeo Cowboy Assn. will be competing for prizes and points in the two-day event.

BOOTHS ALONG the midway, manned by members of Torrance service clubs and civic organizations, will be opened at 5 p.m. tomorrow and Friday; at noon on Saturday, and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. A 40-minute circus consisting of a lion act with five lions, aerialist, elephants, and a

clown and dog act will be presented at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and again on Sunday, tonight and Friday; at 2:30, 4:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday. The circus will be free.



CHECK FINANCE . . . Gary Leko, Doug Clary and Jim Leko pool their money before taking in the Ranchero Days Midway at Civic Center Wednesday afternoon. Amusement rides, wild animal circus, carnival foods and game booths will be featured every day through Sunday. (Herald Photo)

Young Mother Beaten

A Wilmington man who had been sought on a nonsupport warrant issued on his wife's petition was arrested here Tuesday by Sheriff's Deputies after he tried to run down his girl friend with a car and assaulted three employees at a Vermont Ave. steel plant.

Twenty-eight-year-old James William Chason, of 23303 Delores St., was arrested by Deputy Richard L. Foreman as three employees of the Russell H. Roemisch Steel Fabricating Co., 22118 S. Vermont Ave., held him against a fence. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

ACCORDING TO deputies, he had shattered the window in the office of the firm's president with his fist, punched a vice president of the company, and injured the noses of two other employees while shouting obscenities at the woman who had sought refuge from him within the company's office.

VICTIM OF the vicious beating by Chason was Esther Detige, 21, who is the mother of a one-year-old daughter, Lee Ann, and is expecting another child.

She was taken to Harbor General Hospital where superficial face wounds were treated. She was placed under observation there after fears were expressed.

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FIRST AID . . . Ten-year-old Paul Simpson, whose mother, Norma is a Torrance police matron, receives first aid after his bike was struck Tuesday afternoon by a sports car driven by Doris Wankler Vermeersch, 24, of 25314 Oak St., Lomita, on Portola Ave. north of Torrance Blvd. Paul was treated later at a nearby medical center and sent home. He lives at 1304 Madrid. (Herald Photo)

Man Takes Nap; Rises \$400 Later

That little nap taken early Sunday by aircraft mechanic Robert W. Morrell turned out to be an expensive one, he complained to police shortly after he was awakened.

Morrell, who lives at 1342 161st St., told police he had been at a bar at 190th St. and Western Ave. and had gone out to his car about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. He fell asleep in the car, he told police, and when he awoke about 6 a.m., his wallet was missing.

Gone along with the wallet were six \$50 bills, two \$20 bills, some \$1 bills, and a check for \$67.

All he had to show for the evening, he told police, was a pair of \$1 bills laying on the floor of his auto which the thief had apparently dropped.

'Too Late Now,' Residents Told on Street Lighting

Protests on a street lighting district which would include portions of the Victoria Knolls area cannot now be considered by the city council, residents of the area were told here Tuesday.

"The council no longer has jurisdiction," City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier ruled when the council asked about the matter. In formation of an assessment district, once the council closes the public hearing and approves the district, it loses jurisdiction, he said.

RESIDENTS on Highcliff and adjacent streets who said they represented more than half of the 51 homes in that area, protested last week and again this week without avail.

Lawrence Thompson, lighting engineer employed by the

city to form the district reported last week that the protests were a small part of the more than 2000 homes in the district. He said it would be impracticable to subdivide the district and drop out the homes protesting.

INSTALLATION of street lights will detract from the rural atmosphere of the area and hamper the view afforded from many of the hilltop homes, residents told the councilmen.

After hearing from several residents of the area, the council adopted a resolution ordering the Southern California Edison Co. to proceed with the installation.

COST OF THE district to homeowners will be \$37 for the first two years which is a

charge of \$18.50 a year for installation, maintenance, and power.

Cost in the third year will be \$6 which will include only power and maintenance, the council was told.

IN OTHER MATTERS coming before the hour-long meeting Tuesday, the Council:

Approved a zone variance to permit the construction of a medical center on Hawthorne Blvd. south of Torrance Blvd.

Agreed to support the Bonelli Plan for reapportionment of the state's senatorial districts.

APPROVED an agreement with the county to install traffic control signals at Lomita Blvd. and Crenshaw.

Instructed Wade Peebles, director of public works, to make a thorough record check and investigation of facts concerning the status of a south Torrance tract developed by Harry Kissel.

Approved appointment of Joe Doss to the airport commission.

Girl on Bike Hit by Auto

Six-year-old Betty Wilkin, of 3206 W. 178th St., was treated for leg, shoulder, and head injuries following an accident on 178th St. just west of Crenshaw Blvd. Monday evening. The youngster was riding a bicycle when it was struck by an auto driven by Charles Edward Goodwin, 34, of 23717 Cypress St.

Investigating officers said the girl apparently rode down a driveway on her bike in front of the Goodwin auto

National Supply's Complete Rig Line Moved to Torrance Plant

Plans to produce its complete line of drilling rigs at its Torrance plant have been announced by The National Supply Co., manufacturer and distributor of oil field machinery and equipment.

E. G. Unrath, vice president of manufacturing, revealed in Pittsburgh, Pa., that the Torrance plant will take over the production of small and medium-sized rigs, now made in the National Supply plant at Toledo, Ohio. The Toledo plant, the company's oldest machinery plant, will be closed permanently after Sept. 30.

THE TOLEDO rigs range from the T-8 Hoist, for drilling in the 1000 to 2000-ft. depth range, to the new T-45 Rig, for

the 4500 to 7500-foot range. Included is the Type 4-10 Helicopter Rig, designed so that it can be sectionalized into loads weighing 4000 pounds or less for transportation by helicopter. Both the T-45 and the 4-10 were introduced for the first time at the recent International Petroleum Exposition.

Unrath said the size of the Torrance plant will enable the company to integrate the new operations easily. Machinery for manufacturing these rigs will be transferred to the Torrance plant shortly after Sept. 1. No immediate increase in employment is expected.

TRADITIONALLY the Torrance plant has made all the company's larger rigs, which now range from the Type 55,

for depths from 6000 to 9000 feet, to the Type 1625-DE Rig, for depths from 16,000 to 25,000 feet.

Unrath said that a shift in the markets for oil field products made necessary the closing of the Toledo plant. The company has operated there since the 1890's, when Ohio was one of the principal centers of the nation's drilling and production activity.

All of the Toledo operations are being transferred to other plants. Tool joints for drill pipe will be manufactured at the company's seamless tubular mill at Ambridge, Pa. Slush pumps and triplex pumps will be manufactured at Gainesville, Tex., and fluid and parts for slush pumps at Houston.